

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Atsushi TAKANE : Confirmation Number: Not yet assigned
Serial No.: Continuation of Appl. No. 10/356,498 : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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For: CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Preliminary Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 11 of this paper.